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SUBJ: ZENTEI DESIRE TO PROMOTE EXCHANGE WITH AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION

REF: TOKYO 8054

1. ZENTEI (JAPAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION: 205,000 MEMBERS; SOHYO, ICFTU AND PTTI AFFILIATE) DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SADAU KUROSAWA, TOLD ASST LABATT HE WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION.

2. THOUGH US UNION IS ALSO PTTI AFFILIATE, KUROSAWA SAID RELATIONS WERE NOT TERRIBLY CLOSE. KUROSAWA ASKED EMBASSY THRU DEPT TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION TO MAKE FIRST MOVE BY INVITING TWO OR MORE ZENTEI MEMBERS TO VISIT U.S. HE SAID ZENTEI WOULD THEN BE OBLIGATED TO INVITE U.S. TEAM TO JAPAN. KUROSAWA FEELS HE WOULD DRAW ATTACK WITHIN HIS UNION IF HE PROPOSED ZENTEI INITIATE EXCHANGE.

3. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT DISCUSSED USG FINANCIAL HELP WITH KUROSAWA, BUT IF ASKED FIRST POSITION WILL BE TO OFFER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR SELF-FINANCED TEAM.

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AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS' UNION. DEPT'S PRELIMINARY REACTION MAY BE HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING WHAT APPEARS TO US TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST IN ZENTEI.
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